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Our primary mission is to provide for education, training, maintenance, licensing and testing of Amateur Radio Operators as defined in FCC Regulations Part 97.
Our purpose is to foster comradery among fellow Amateur Radio Operators within the North Brevard, Florida area through social events and organized Ham radio contests.
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Weekly On-the-Air Nets

Name	Frequency	Day	Time	Net Control
2 Meter SSB Net	144.210 MHz USB	Monday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Skywarn Net	146.970 MHz	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Barry N4NMF
Mosquito Net	28.333 MHz USB	Wednesday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Friendship Traders Net	146.970 MHz	Thursday	7:00 PM	Keith KN4AQ
Magic 6 Meter Net	50.250 MHz USB	Friday	7:00 PM	Mike KW4DX

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PRESIDENTS Message

It's hard to believe that it is already March 2026. Where does the time go. Barry N4NMF & I traveled to South America via transit thru the Panama Canal and over the Equator into Peru. Crossing the equator is a major maritime, geographical, and, in some contexts, astronomical event. Traditionally, it involved a line crossing ceremony for ships transitioning sailors from "pollywogs" to "shellbacks" under the rule of King Neptune. Barry N4NMF now adds this title to his existing Bluenose for crossing the Arctic Circle in the US Coast Guard.

Our next big event as a club is the 34th annual Mosquito Tailgate on March 28, 2026. This is quite a legacy for our group. The "Mosquito Net" was started by a TARC member in 1991 as a means to promote the use of the ten-meter band. At one point there were over 930 net members in all 50 states and 15 countries. The Net is still active, albeit with fewer participants. The history of TARC can be found on our website archives https://archive.org/details/titusville-arc?sort=date

Your Board of Directors meet monthly. At our February meeting, we discussed our upcoming annual events. We are really looking to get some of our newer, proactive members involved in event leadership. We have a mentors in our club that will help you step into a lead role so that you are not "flying solo." You will have the full support of the Board and the entire club. Reach out to Greg Hand KK4LWB, his passion and enthusiasm for our group and events is contagious.

Diane N4DCK

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club (TARC)
Meeting Minutes (Corrected 03-23-2026)
Date: February 24, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM **Location:** Masonic Lodge, Titusville, Florida
Presiding Officer: Diane Kennedy – N4DCK (Club President)

1. Call to Order & Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
Established Quorum to conduct club business.
Introductions: Attendees included Greg (KK4LWB), Keith (W4KWD), Steve (NA4SA), and various other members of the club.
Welcome: The President welcomed the group to the final meeting before the **34th Annual Mosquito Tailgate**.

2. Officer Reports
Secretary's Report (Greg – KK4LWB): Minutes from the January 27th meeting (published in *The Communicator*) were reviewed.
Motion: A motion was made and seconded to *approve the report*.
Result: Motion carried unanimously.
Treasurer's Report (Steve – NA4SA): The treasurer's report for January was presented. This was the first report since transitioning to **Launch Credit Union**.
Balances: Savings ($432.01), Checking ($10,431.49).
Total Cash Assets: $10,863.50
Motion: A motion was made and seconded to *approve the report*
Result: Motion carried unanimously.
Membership: The club voted in and welcomed new members **Lisa Fee**, **Sean Haga**, and **Ron McCracken**.

3. Committee & Technical Reports
Net Coordinator (Barry, N4NMF):
Monday 2m SSB (144.210) – George (WG4S).
Tuesday Skywarn/Club Net (146.970) – Barry (N4NMF). *Note: Barry requested a backup for the next two weeks*.
Wednesday Mosquito Net (28.333) – George (WG4S),
Thursday Friendship & Traders Net(146.870) – Keith (W4KWD).
Friday 6m SSB (50.250) – Mike (KW4DX).
Repeater Status (Dave McLean– KY4F)**:** Recent inspections were conducted at the 146.970 (Titusville Towers) and the 146.775 (Denman Road) sites. All equipment is in good order. 145.910 (Champion Road) site is scheduled for inspection April 2026.

Meeting Minutes—Continued Date: February 27, 2026 **Location:** Titusville, Florida

4. Old Business
Mosquito Tailgate: The club still needs a primary coordinator/Point of Contact. While several members have volunteered to help, a lead is required for site organization at Fox Lake Park.
Florida QSO Party (April 25–26): Tom Fuller KN4GLO has agreed to be the committee chairperson; Mike Daniels and Greg Hand have volunteered to help.

5. New Business
Summer Field Day: Greg – KK4LWB volunteered to lead the event and handle the overnight shift. The club discussed the urgent need for more **operators** to fill time slots and keep the stations active.
Equipment Purchase: A motion was made to purchase an **Icom 7300 MK2** for Station 2 in the club trailer to replace aging gear and standardize the setup.
Amendment: The **A4HP Radio Sport Club** offered to donate the difference in cost to upgrade the purchase to an **Icom 7300 Mark 2**.
Motion: A motion was made and seconded to *approve the purchase of the ICOM 7300 MK2*.
Result: Motion carried unanimously.

6. Technical Presentations & Show-and-Tell
EchoLink & AllStar (Barry, N4NMF): Barry demonstrated his new 220 repeater (**224.320, PL 123.0**).
Node Info: AllStar (67523), EchoLink (75970).
He explained the EchoLink FCC license validation process and suggested using the "Echo Test" node to check audio.
Digirig Lite (Mike, KC4JEM): Demonstrated a compact audio interface for HT digital modes (WinLink/APRS).
Warning: Cautioned that Windows 11 defaults to the most recently used audio device, which can lead to system sounds/music accidentally being transmitted over the air.

7. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn: Made at approximately 8:00 PM.
Next Meeting: Tuesday March 24, 2026 at the Masonic Lodge.

Club News

NEXT MEETING IS March 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Indian River Masonic Lodge, *19 N. Washington Ave. located at the Corner of S. Washington Ave. (Rte. 1) and Garden St.*

Visit Us on Facebook!!

Our new Facebook Public Page is online now! It's a work in progress, Please go there to like and follow us. https://www.facebook.com/K4KSC/
I'm looking for club photos to post!!

Consider joining our Facebook Private Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/447071731203431

Visit Us on Online!! Find us online at: www.K4KSC.com

Titusville Amateur Radio Club Membership Application **(**All Current Members Primary, Family or Life ***must fill out this Application***. The form is available on our website K4KSC.COM or copies will be available at each meeting.

***** *Checks are made out to* ***K4KSC Inc***
***** If applicable, please put your callsign in the memo field of your check.
If you wish to pay in cash (correct change is appreciated), please bring it and your completed Membership Application to the meeting and give it to Steve – NA4SA our Treasurer.

Titusville ARC Call Sign / Name Badges **– *$11.00 each*** (**+Tax**) and price is ***subject to change.***
These ***can be ordered directly*** by getting a form from Barry N4NMF
Then fill out the Form and take it to :
Award Trophy – 4424 S. Hopkins Ave
Titusville 32780
Phone: (321) 269-7584.
You can talk with Kevin or other staff members whom will be glad to help you place your order.
You can also contact Barry N4NMF for help or questions about ordering them.

Club News—Call For Volunteers—Committees

Not sure what a Chairperson does or concerned you couldn't do it. Greg KK4LWB will mentor you!

Mosquito Tailgate March 28, 2026 7 am
We need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com
Committee Members

KK4LWB	Greg Hand
KC4JEM	Mike Eldridge
N4NMF	Barry Kennedy
W4KWD	Keith Desoto

Florida QSO April 25—26, 2026
Chairman
KN4GLO Tom Fuller
Committee Members

KW4DX	Mike Daniels
HK6PZV	Albeiro Gonzalez
N4NMF	Barry Kennedy

ARRL Field Day June 27—28, 2026
Chairman
KK4LWB Greg Hand More volunteers—Please contact Greg to help!
Committee Members

KY4F	*Dave Mclean*
N4NMF	*Barry Kennedy*
KO4MPC	*Matt Freeman*

Technical Committee
We need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com
Committee Members

K4YF	*Dave Mclean (Trustee)*
KB4B	*Jay Buie*
KW4DX	*Mike Daniels*
N4NMF	*Barry Kennedy*
N4DCK	*Diane Kennedy (Club Officer)*
N4ASA	*Steve Shindler (Club Officer*

Grant Committee
We need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com
Committee Members

K4MVO	*Stephanie Merritt*
KK4LWB	*Greg Hand*
W3ZI	*Mark Johnson*

Submitted by Steve Schindler N4ASA

Ham Radio

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Find these hidden words in the above puzzle:

ALINCO	AMATEUR	AMPERES	AMPLIFIER
ANTENNA	APRS	AUTOPATCH	BATTERY
BEAM	CARRIER	CONTACT	CURRENT
DIGITAL	DIPOLE	DMR	DSTAR
ELECRAFT	ELECTRONICS	FIRMWARE	FREQUENCY
FUSION	GENERATOR	GROUNDPLANE	HAMBAND
HAMRADIO	HEATHKIT	ICOM	KENWOOD
METER	MICROPHONE	MICROWAVE	MODULATION
MOONBOUNCE	MORSECODE	NBFM	PACKET
POWER	PROPAGATION	RECEIVER	REPEATER
RESISTANCE	SIDEBAND	SKIP	SKYHOOK
SOFTWARE	SPEAKER	SPECTRUM	SUNSPOTS
TELEGRAPH	TELEPHONY	TELETYPE	TRANSCEIVER
TRANSMITTER	TUNER	VOLTAGE	YAESU

Upcoming On-Air Events

Lewis & Clark Trail on the Air - Ham Radio Special Event
Submitted by Greg Hand KK4LWB / Mike Eldridge KC4JEM
Date: June 6 - 21, 2026
The Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event is an on air activity that commemorates the historic Lewis and Clark Trail. The trail covers 4900 miles through 16 states. This includes the disembarkation from Camp Dubois and what is referred to as the Eastern Legacy. The event is sponsored by the Clark County Amateur Radio Club with support and participation from clubs in all 16 states along the historic trail.
Simple Rules: Contact one club in each of the 16 states on the historic Lewis and Clark Trail. There are 2 bonus stations that may each be substituted for a missing state to get to a 16 state total. Operating modes include SSB Phone, FM Phone, CW and FT8/FT4. Any combination of modes towards working all 16 states and bonus stations is allowed.
A schedule for planned operations for each activating station on the trail will be posted on this web site.
https://www.w7aia.org/

13 Colonies Special Event
Submitted by Barry Kennedy N4NMF

July 1 @ 9:00 am - July 7 @ 11:59 pm EDT
UTC Dates and Times
Begin: Tuesday July 01, 2026 at 1300Z
End: Tuesday July 08, 2026 at 0400Z
Work Special Event Stations K2A – K2M representing each of the original Thirteen Colonies
K2A New York, K2B Virginia, K2C Rhode Island, K2D Connecticut, K2E Delaware, K2F Maryland, K2G Georgia, K2H Massachusetts, K2I New Jersey
K2J North Carolina, K2K New Hampshire, K2L South Carolina, K2M Pennsylvania
plus two bonus stations: GB13COL, England; TM13COL, France
and WM3PEN, the William Penn Station in Philadelphia.
EVENT WEBSITE link: http://13colonies.us/

Upcoming On-Air Events

US National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (NLLW)

Submitted by Barry Kennedy N4NMF

Celebrating National Lighthouse Day

Coinciding with the US National Lighthouse Day, the US National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (NLLW) is an annual lighthouse operating and activation opportunity celebrating the anniversary of the establishment of the United States federal lighthouse service. This is a day to celebrate lighthouses, lightships and the commitment and service of those who tended America's lights for generations.

Dates

National Lighthouse Day is unofficially August 7th each year. This is FRIDAY August 7th for 2026 making the following weekend the event dates of August 8th and 9th.

https://arlhs.com/events/national-lighthouse-lightship-week-nllw/

Route 66 On the Air: 100th Anniversary

Submitted by Greg Hand KK4LWB

Date: September 12 - 20, 2026

This event is a national phenomenon. Working all 20+ "Mother Road" stations could be a fun club challenge that can be done from our home shacks while chatting on a local repeater.

https://www.nadxa.com/

https://w6jbt.org/

https://www.arrl.org/news/route-66-on-the-air-special-event-1

Upcoming Event **Contest is April 17-20. 2026 Florida State POTA https://fspota.org/**

Florida State POTA

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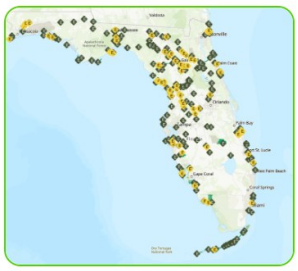

There are many parks to choose from!

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Tamiami Amateur Radio Club

Venice, Florida

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Florida State Parks on the Air contest! Usually held over the first weekend in April (adjusted for Easter Sunday). Whether you are a casual operator, contester, in Florida, out of Florida, or even outside the United States, this contest is for you.
We urge, but do not require, contestants to also be members of the national Parks on the Air (POTA) organization.

This is a four-day event normally held over the first full weekend every April (adjusted for Easter Sunday). Operating time is from 1200 UTC to 2359 UTC each day, Friday through Monday with NO overnight operation allowed from 8:00 PM to 7:59 AM the next morning. Most Florida parks open at 8:00 AM local time, and close at sundown. The operating time period of 8:00 AM – 7:59 PM (local time) each day should allow time to enter the park, set up a station, operate, and tear down in time to leave before park closing.
The event was started in 2016 by a group of amateur radio operators from central Florida who love to get out and operate portable in our beautiful home state. In 2025 management of the event passed to the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club in Venice.
It has always been held with the intent to:

- Promote public awareness of ham radio and Florida's state parks system
- Contribute to the recognition and appreciation of Florida's diverse ecology
- Encourage camaraderie and sportsmanship among Florida's Amateur Radio Operators,
- Encourage youth (under 18) participation, and

Provide a venue for Florida amateurs to get out and enjoy operating in the great outdoors.

Florida has an award-winning State Parks system featuring more that 170 park sites, including cultural centers, archeological digs, Civil War-era forts, wildlife preserves, and recreational areas – not to mention beaches! Be sure to visit floridastateparks.org for more information on camping, educational materials, park maps, and a complete list of parks organized by region.

2026 MONTHLY EVENTS

MARCH 28: Annual Mosquito Tailgate	**Fox Lake Park**	**NEED A Committee Chairperson**
April 25: Florida QSO	**KN4GLO QTH**	**Coordinator: Tom Fuller KN4GLO**
June 27 – 28: ARRL Field Day	Fox Lake Park	Coordinator: Greg KK4LBW
October 27: Annual Potluck	Masonic Lodge	Dinner: 6 PM
December TBA: Annual Christmas Party	Dixie Crossroads	Dinner: 6 PM

2027 MONTHLY EVENTS

JANUARY 23-24: Winter Field Day	KN4GLO QTH	Coordinator: Greg KK4LBW

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